SHELL STRUCK POST, NEW MARKET, VA. During the battle of New Market, May 15, 1864, the post shown above was struck by a three-inch rifle shell fired by Snow's Battery of the Federal army. Gen. Breckinridge, the Confederate commander, was sitting on his horse in the middle of the Valley Pike only five yards away, and was about to raise his field glass to observe the position of the enemy. His staff was grouped a few yards in the rear. The shell still remains in the post and is indicated above by an arrow. A monument in honor of the Confederate dead stands in the cemetery adjoining St. Matthews Lutheran Church in background of picture.

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